

## Church Universal

### FIRST COMMUNION.

A mother writes from Park City asking the regulations and dispositions required for first communion. Attention has been already directed to the new decree. The Sacred Congregation for the Discipline of the Sacraments, in its 15th session, in order to remove all doubts, and to ensure, "that children should be united to Our Divine Lord from their tenderest years, should live by His life, and should thus have a positive resistance against the dangers of corruption," has sanctioned these regulations regarding the First Communion of children, to be observed throughout the whole Church.

### The Dispositions.

I. The age of discretion, both for Confession and for Communion, is that at which the child commences to reason, namely about the age of seven years, or less, or even before that age, from that time begins the obligation of satisfying the double precept of Confession and Communion.

II. For first Confession and first Communion, the child must be in the state of grace. It is not necessary, therefore, to continue to learn the doctrine of the faith according to the capacity of its intelligence.

III. The knowledge of religion necessary for the child, for it to be properly prepared for its first Communion, is that it understands, according to its capacity, the mysteries of faith which the Christian is bound to know, and that it is able to distinguish the Eucharistic bread from ordinary food. It may approach the Holy Eucharist with the devotion suitable to its age.

IV. The obligation of the precept of Confession and Communion which is incumbent on the child falls upon the parents, or, if they are dead, upon the one who takes his place, and of the confessor, according to the Roman rite, to admit the child to its first Communion.

V. Parish priests must take care to hold at least once a year a general Communion for the children, and to admit it to both First Communicants and those who have already made their first Communion. For these Communion there should be some days of instruction and preparation.

VI. Those who have charge of children should take the greatest care to make them approach the Holy Table often and if possible every day, as is the desire of Jesus Christ and of our holy mother the Church; and they should take care that they do it with the devotion becoming their years. Those who have this charge of children should remember their grave duty of seeing that they attend the catechism lessons, unless their religious instructions is otherwise provided for.

VII. The custom of not admitting

children to confession, or of not giving them absolution, when they have reached the age of reason, is to be above all deprecated. The Ordinaries are to take care that this abuse be done away with, making use of the powers at their disposal for that end.

VIII. It is an absolute abuse not to give Holy Viaticum and Extreme Unction to children, when they have reached the age of reason, and also to give them burial according to the rite for children. The Ordinaries are to take rigorous measures against those who do not give up this practice.

On August 7 the Sovereign Pontiff Pius X. approved these regulations; and ordered the promulgation of the Decree. He has commanded the Ordinaries to make it known not only to the parish priests and clergy but also to the people, to whom he wishes that there be read every year at paschal time, a translation of the decree. The Ordinaries, in their reports every five years, shall give an account of how this decree is observed.

### GOOD ADVICE.

The "Sacred Heart" tells Catholics what they should do, not only in order to perpetuate the faith but to comply with St. Paul's injunction, viz., and be able to account for the faith we possess.

Let it be laid down as a first principle that in every Catholic family there should be at least one Catholic weekly. Let it be laid down as a second principle that this Catholic weekly should be selected according to the tastes and the requirements of the family. Let it be laid down as a third principle that when the tastes and requirements of a family are different, there should be more than one Catholic weekly in the family.

Do not talk about expense. The price of most of our Catholic papers is only five cents—the price, let me say plainly, of one glass of common drink. Cannot a man omit one glass of drink during the week and bring home a Catholic paper to his Catholic family? or can he not refrain from one glass of stronger drink, for which he pays ten cents, and bring home another Catholic weekly? If a man has any real desire to support the Catholic press, money will be no obstacle in his way.

The poor man finds means of getting five cents to spend on the Sunday secular paper, perhaps for the sake of its colored comic supplement—a supplement which, not long ago, at a banquet of his hundred representatives of the press, in New York City, was declared by one of their principal speakers to be a "damnable sheet, when it was not puerile." The same speaker went on to say that he wondered if the men who published such a supplement ever let it fall into the hands of their own children. Still, for these colored pages and their concomitant paper the poor man, the father of a family, is willing to pay five cents on Sunday morning. No! If a Catholic has any real desire for Catholic news, or what is more important, if he has any real desire for the advancement of Catholic interests, the cost of a Catholic paper will cause him no concern.

Remember, then, that the work of the Catholic press is the work of Christ. It is a work carried on for the spread of the Gospel, and for the salvation of the souls for which Christ died. Therefore, if we have any real love for Christ, it is a work we should help in every way in our power.

You help the work of the missionary among the Chinese, among the Negroes, among the people of Alaska, and the missionary here at home. But a Catholic paper is a missionary in every home where it enters. Even though you are too busy to read the paper yourself, by being a subscriber and thus helping its circulation, you enable a copy to go into some home where it will be read and where it may spread untold blessings.

### CURRENT EVENTS

An Arras tapestry, forming part of a series illustrating the seven deadly sins, which was originally the property of Cardinal Woolsey, was sold at auction last week, bringing \$33,000. The panel is thirteen feet square. It was found in a mansion in Cornwall.

An instance of the great progress the revival of the ancient language is making in Ireland is afforded in the announcement of the coming publication in Dublin of an edition of the Messenger of the Sacred Heart in Gaelic.

Half of the thirty-eight young men and women who took the examination in pharmacy at Pittsburgh, Kan., last week, passed. The best grade was made by Sister M. Edmond, who became a pharmacist so she could fill prescriptions in a Catholic hospital.

Patric B. S. Schmielehausen of St. Mark's Church, St. Mark's Kan., was invested on Thanksgiving day with the insignia of domestic prelate to His Holiness Pope Pius X.

Rev. Francis Dunt, who died recently at the home of his sister in New York City, was one of the founders of the first Italian mission in New York City. He was born in Ireland in 1840. He was the author of several books on religious subjects.

Rt. Rev. John Joseph Koppes, D. D., Bishop of Luxembourg, Germany, was a guest at St. Mary's academy and college, Notre Dame, Ind., recently. The prelate has three sisters in the order of the Holy Cross and a brother, a priest, Rev. J. Koppes, Immaculate Conception Church, Pesotum, Ill.

"A Catholic newspaper is a perpetual mission in every parish."—His Holiness, Leo XIII.

Announcement was made that the orphan asylum now being built on the outskirts of Norwood Park by the Catholic archdiocese of Chicago will be completed by March 1, 1911.

The Due de Loubat, an American citizen, whose title was conferred by the Pope in 1893, has given to the Academy of Inscriptions and Belles Lettres of the French Institute a sum yielding \$600 a year for learned men temporarily disabled.

The Rt. Rev. Hilbrand de Hepingham, abbot of the historic Benedictine Order throughout the world, whose prospective visit to Louisiana has been announced several times, reached St. Joseph's Seminary and College, New Orleans, Dec. 4. He came direct from the Benedictine College at Belmont, N. C., where he was the guest of Rt. Rev. Bishop Haid, D. D., O. S. B.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Clerly, Bishop of Auckland, whose years of editorship of the New Zealand Tablet proved so fruitful to the church, has been received in audience by Cardinal Gottl, Perfect of Propaganda, and is to be received in a day or two by the Holy Father. Bishop Clerly speaks Italian like a native, having passed his course in the College of St. Apollinaris, Rome.

Setting of stone on the Catholic pro-cathedral, Minneapolis has been suspended for the winter. About a dozen steel men will be kept at work placing the trusses that are to support the roof of the structure. The completion of the structure is expected in November, 1911. The edifice will cost \$300,000.

Bishop McFall laid the cornerstone of St. Joseph's Church, Plainfield, N. J., recently, in the presence of a large gathering.

The parishioners of St. Mary's Church, Albany, Ore., recently observed the silver jubilee of the foundation of the parish.

On November 30, the Rt. Rev. Herman J. Alerding, D. D., Bishop of Fort Wayne, Ind., celebrated the tenth anniversary of his consecration.

December 19 marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the ordination of the Rt. Rev. Patrick J. Donahue, D. D., Bishop of Wheeling, W. Va. to the priesthood. The clergy of the diocese are planning a special celebration.

There died recently in a Swiss Nursing Home a man who rendered to humanity an inestimable service, and who received the customary reward of forgetfulness and neglect. This was M. Henri Dunant, the founder of the Red Cross Society, whose merciful operations on the field of battle do much to mitigate the horrors of war.

The scholarly Prince-Bishop, Dr. Simon Lehmann, formerly the venerable beloved chief pastor of Brixen in the Tyrol, died recently in the Neustift monastery, where he had been residing since he resigned his episcopal charge in 1904. He had reached the rare age of ninety-five years.

His Holiness has received in private audience three times for the past twelve days the Most Rev. Archbishop of the Order of Preachers, Apostolic Nuncio to Bavaria. A report is current that the Bavarian Government has requested exemption from taking the anti-modernist oath for ecclesiastics (such as professors in universities). The Holy See will, it is said, have no difficulty in granting the petition.

At the golden jubilee celebration of the Jesuit Church in Edinburgh, Scotland, Lord Ralph Kerr expressed heartfelt sympathy with the Jesuit Fathers abroad, who were suffering

persecution at the hands of godless men, while the press throughout Europe was teeming with calumnies and misrepresentations against them to justify the lawless attacks.

Rev. Thomas E. Carroll, rector of the Church of St. Vincent de Paul, New York City, is looking forward to the erection of the new parish lyceum before spring. The new building will be equipped with many comforts and conveniences and will be provided with a library. The structure will cost \$55,000.

As an answer to the inquisitorial divorce laws proclaimed by the "Republic" of Portugal, it is held in ecclesiastical circles that the Holy See will issue within a short time a protest. This on account of the suspension of diplomatic relations between the Holy See and Portugal would come under the form of a letter from the Pope to the Episcopate of that country.

"The Holy Father has the greatest admiration for our democratic institutions. His recent encyclical was directed against a certain society of France, and could not possibly be taken for his attitude toward American democracy. The cardinal who has recently visited us—Cardinal Vincenzo Vannutelli—went home filled with enthusiasm for our free institutions." Thus, with four sentences and a gesture of finality, Cardinal Vannutelli, the cardinal who is the highest prelate of Catholicism in America, dismissed the suggestion that the recent encyclical of the Vatican against the French society of the Sillon may be taken in any way as indicating hostility toward democracy in America on the part of Pius and the other rulers of the church.

For some time the artists have been at work upon the Sistine chapel, Rome, and it has been made a scene of purest ray-sovereignty. For many years it was thought that this chapel was so perfect that to touch it would be to mar it. However, work by a committee of artists was commenced a few years ago on the restoration of Michael Angelo's marvelous ceiling frescoes, and it was carried to completion with great success. Now the windows have been replaced and the inauguration of this new work took place the first of the month in the presence of the Holy Father.

The Rev. Harry Whitehead has died in the hospital of the English Nursing Sisters at Rome. His early life was passed in the priesthood of the Dominican order in England, which he left to join the secular clergy. His long, unblemished life as a secular cleric—musician—are still sung in Catholic churches. By a special concession of the master general of the Order of the Most Precious Blood, he was buried among the monks of the order in the picturesque black and white robes worn by the Dominican friars.

The diamond jubilee of the ordination of Rev. Allan McDowell, S. J., of Woodstock, Vermont, was celebrated recently. An interesting feature of the program was a poem, written for the occasion by Mr. Michael Earls, S. J., formerly a member of the faculty of Boston college. Father McDowell was born in Danvers, Vt., on November 17, 1825.

The Catholics of Liverpool, England, have again been succeeded in obtaining the bulk of the senior scholarships offered for competition by the city council. Three have gone to the Christian Brothers and two to the Jesuits, leaving the remaining three for division among the non-Catholics and council schools.

### THE ROYAL BABE.

A blue-black sky, alive with stars!  
O patient expectation past!  
O earth, forget thy battle scars—  
Thy King is come at last.

A tiny hand, a rose-leaf touch.  
A Babe whose silence is Divine;  
Thou, who hast sinned and suffered much,  
That hand is laid on thine.

It crowns, it pardons, Grieve no more!  
It lies divinely on thy heart.  
Arise and shine! His grace adore,  
Whose heritage thou art!

O Bud of Heaven, unfold Thy rare,<  
Embrued petals to the light!  
Bright Babe of Bethlehem, how fair  
Thou dawnest on our sight!

The world is in Thy little grasp,  
Still lingering with delicious thrill;  
Oh, keep it in Thy tender clasp,  
And mould it to Thy will!

### CHRISTMAS HOLLY.

Christmas day brings the holly with its white blossoms, its green leaves and its red berries. The holly symbolizes that Christmas means, its briars tell of Bethlehem and its manger, the babe and the suffering; it foretold the life of sorrow and pain, which was to end only when the lance of Calvary pierced His heart. Holly blossoms tell of the flower blossoming of Aaron's rod, recall to the child of Bethlehem, the white blossom of God's power, His very word, whose fragrance is to atone for man's ingratitude and heal the ills of mankind.

"Oh, red berries of the holly," you tell of not only Christmas, but also the blood around the brow of the Savior, telling of Calvary, the shadow of whose cross may be seen over the manger? "Holly green leaves," you remind us of gratitude which as an evergreen, springs from the heart of God's love, as manifested in the child of the manger. He fills the human heart with hope and keeps fresh in men's lives their love of God. The holly belongs to Christmas and bears with good luck to the faithful soul.—Bishop Conaty.

### COUNTRY PRODUCES GREAT MEN

In an Advent sermon on John the Baptist, Archbishop Glenn drew attention to the fact that it is the country which produces the most remarkable men.

"It is a noteworthy fact," said the Archbishop, "and is borne in the pages of human history, that the mountain and the desert cradle greatness and grander characters than does the town or the city. And of this truth the Old Testament is especially significant. The pillar of cloud by day, and the pillar of fire by night guided the Israelites in their wanderings. The Lord spoke to Moses from the burning bush. It was on the mountainside that he received the tables of the Lord. All the prophets of Israel belong to the mountain and the desert rather than to the city.

"And on the other hand, many of the wickedness and crime recorded in the Old Testament are associated with the city, as is easily seen when you recall the cities of the plain or of Babylon, or even Jerusalem itself. It was away from the city that the blessed Savior found peace. His home at Nazareth or His coming and going through Galilee were marked

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